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SUBJECT: MURDER OF TWO MSI ACTIVISTS RAISES TENSIONS

1. PRESS REPORTS THAT TWO MSI PARTY MEMBERS WERE SHOT TO DEATH THIS MORNING AT AN MSI OFFICE IN THE NORTHERN ITALIAN CITY OF PADOVA. THE KILLERS ESCAPED UNDETECTED.

2. THE PRESS OFFICE OF THE MSI HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT BY PARTY SECRETARY ALMIRANTE CONDEMNING THE CRIME IN VIOLENT TERMS AND BLAMING IT ON THE "CAMPAIGN OF CIVIL HATE" WHICH ALMIRANTE CLAIMS, WAS LAUNCHED BY THE GOVERNMENT, STATE CONTROLLED RADIO-TV AND THE OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES AGAINST THE MSI AFTER THE MAY 28 BRESCIA BOMBING.

THE COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT "THE MASSACRE OF THE TWO (MSI) MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE (MSI) OFFICE DEMONSTRATES THAT ITALY IS LIVING IN A SITUATION OF CIVIL WAR." HOWEVER, ALMIRANTE CALLED ON MSI MEMBERS AND SYMPATHIZERS NOT TO GIVE IN TO IMPULSES OF REVENGE BUT RATHER TO WORK THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS TO BREAK THE "SPIRAL OF CIVIL WAR" BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

COMMENT: COMING ON THE HEELS OF THE BRESCIA BOMBING AND THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CAPTURE OF NEO-FASCIST TERRORISTS NEAR RIETI, THIS LATEST

INCIDENT OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE WILL NO DOUBT BE USED BY THE MSI  
TO TRY TO COUNTER THE ANTI-FASCIST CAMPAIGN CURRENTLY UNDERWAY  
AGAINST IT. THE PADOVA KILLINGS UNFORTUNATELY WILL TEND TO  
INCREASE TENSIONS AT A DIFFICULT MOMENT CHARACTERIZED BY POLITICAL  
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